

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original): A magnetic transferring method comprising the steps of:

bringing a master medium and a slave medium into close contact with each other, the master medium bearing information signals, (and the slave medium including a lubricating layer formed on a surface of a recording plane during use;)

applying a transfer magnetic field; and

performing magnetic transfer; and

*forming a lubricant layer on a surface of a recording plane of the*

wherein the magnetic transfer is performed by bringing the slave medium and the master

medium into close contact before formation of the lubricating layer.

*slave medium,*

2. (Previously presented): A magnetic transferring method comprising the steps of:

bringing a master medium and a slave medium into close contact with each other, the master medium bearing information signals;

applying a transfer magnetic field; and

performing magnetic transfer,

wherein a recording plane of the slave medium and an information bearing plane of the master medium are brought into close contact with each other, with liquid in an amount of 2 to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intervening therebetween.

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3. (Original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 2, wherein said liquid has lubricity.

4. (Original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 2, wherein said liquid having lubricity is coated on the recording plane of the slave medium.

5. (Original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 3, wherein said liquid having lubricity is coated on the recording plane of the slave medium.

6. (Original): The magnetic transferring method according to any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein after the magnetic transfer, the close contact between the slave medium and the master medium is released while the slave medium is moved.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

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